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Walnut Dollison Historic District 815 E. Walnut Street Springfield Greene County Missouri

PHOTOGRAPHS

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Historic American Buildings Survey Architectural Data

815 EAST WALNUT STREET

Location:

Springfield, Greene County, Missouri

Cadastral grid : SW4 NE4, S24, T29N, R22W USGS guadrangle: Springfield Missouri 7날'

UTM coordinates: 15.47486D.4117660 Lot dimensions: 53.3'x 191.5' .23 acres Lot description: Beginning 158.33' East of the SW corner of Lot 5 of Sheppard's Second Addition, E 53.33', N 191.5',

Present Owner:

W 53.33', South to the beginning Richard L. Taylor

Present Usage:

multiple unit residence

Present Condition:

fair - good

Overall Dimensions: 44'x 73';

2½ stories

Drientation:

south

Architectural Description : Plan type : rectangular with irregular rear wings Foundation: coursed ashlar stone perimeter walls

Structure : wood frame

Ext. walls: beveled siding with plain corner boards; imbricated

shingles on porch pediment and dormer walls

Roof:

asphalt shingled, moderately pitched hipped roof over original main section; smaller hipped roof over rear two story addition; sheds over smaller one story rear additions; hipped front porch roof with shallow, wide

pediment over southeast corner entrance

Dormers:

single flared hipped dormers centered on south, east

and west roof planes

Windows:

oversized 1/1 double hung with moulded dripcaps and plain casings and slip sills; two leaded glass lattice

windows centered on second story south facade

Porches:

full-width 1-story veranda on south; rear second story

porch/fire escape

Details:

boxed cornice with plain block modillions, dentilled frieze and beaded board soffits under main and front porch roofs, heavy Tuscan porch columns with ashlar

pedestals and turned balustrades

Construction Date:

ca. 19D5

Architecture Style: Neoclassical Box

Statement of

Significance:

A simply massed and typically detailed neoclassical building common for its period, this large frame house is one of many substantial town houses built along East Walnut Street at the turn of the century. Its conversion into apartments just prior to World War II has caused a number of major alterations, including the addition of a two story rear wing and an exterior fire stair on the front. As such the building's architectural integrity has been compromised

somewhat.

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References:

1910 and 1933 Sanborn Insurance Maps Springfield City Directories, 1905-1930 Tax Records, Greene County Assessor's Office, Springfield Missouri "Historic Inventory," Missouri SHPO, prepared by David Quick, SMSU

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